

**ABSTRACT**

A sanitary napkin including a liquid-absorbing section for absorbing body exudate and a breathable extension component adjacent the rear portion of the liquid-absorbing section. The breathable extension component is preferably free of absorbent material and has a moisture vapor transmission rate of at least about 3000 g/m<sup>2</sup>/day to allow moisture trapped between the breathable extension component and the skin of the wearer to evaporate.